



# SPAR eNEWS

"Know the Happenings in Shreveport's Public Assembly and Recreation Department"

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### Therapeutic

The Therapeutic Recreation Division has partnered with the Caddo Parish School Board Special Programs Department to host the Annual Children with Disabilities Spring Fling on April 21 and April 22 at Southern Hills Community Center from 9am - 1pm. This year's theme is "Literary and Numeracy". Activities will include several stations/parlors such as Nibbles and News, Make-a-Magazine, Flavor Wheel, Flower Power Elisions, Book-It, arts and crafts, karaoke, Shreveport Sheriff Dept, CeCe the Clown and Company with face painting and balloon sculptures and much more.

On April 8, Therapeutic Recreation will host its 1st Annual Relaxation Therapy Workshop at Airport Park from 10:00-12 noon. The workshop will be facilitated by our very own Derrell Thrash, SPAR Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and Message Therapist.

For additional information please contact Germaine Williams, Superintendent of Therapeutic Recreation at 318.673-7873 or visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org).

### Athletics

The 2010 Boys/Girls Basketball League concluded March 12th by crowning champions in 10 & Under (S.B.C. Kings defeated the Heat); 11 & Under (Bill Cockrell Renegades defeated Shreveport Kings); 12 & Under (Express defeated Xclusive Renegades); 14 & Under (Stallions defeated Port City Stingers); 16 & Under (Sunset Acres defeated Hollywood Heights); and 18 & Under (Showers of Blessing defeated UCP).

Youth T-Ball, Machine Pitch, Softball, and Baseball registration deadlines extended to April 9th. Coaches meeting on April 15th at 6:30pm. The seasons begin on April 19th.

The 2010 Spring Softball League season starts on April 5. All games will be played Mon - Thur at Cargill and Southern Hills. For additional information visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org) and click on Athletics or call Mary Murphy at 318.673.7776.

The 2010 Holiday in Dixie Men's & Women's A.S.A./WSL Softball Tournament is on April 10-11 at Cargill Park. Entry fee is \$140 for A.S.A. registered teams. Non ASA teams \$165. Deadline is April 1. For additional information visit [www.mySPAR.org](http://www.mySPAR.org) and click on Athletics or call Mary Murphy at 318.673.7776.



### Martial Arts Classes

Master Raleigh Skipper, a 5th Degree Black Belt, with over 30 years of martial arts experience, offers classes at Bill Cockrell Community Center for youth and adults. Master Skipper is National Vice President of the Iron Martial Arts Association (IMAA) and Iron Cage Clash (ICC). Classes include Aikido, Judo, Kick Boxing, Mixed Martial Arts, Women's Self Defense, Mixed Martial Arts & Competition Training.

Martial Arts is not just kicking and punching. It teaches discipline, self-respect, respect for others, humility, honor, teamwork, and individual achievement. It is also a great way to get and stay in shape, lose weight and develop mind and body. Separate classes are held Thursday, Friday & Saturday for adults and children at Bill Cockrell Recreation Center, 4109 Pines Road. For more information call 318-344-8482.

### Youth Programs



SPAR Spring Camp was a roaring success, capped by a Spring Fling party at Hollywood Heights with over 200 kids in attendance.

Summer Camp registration began March 15 and there remain very few openings that will fill rapidly. Those who have approached a center which has already reached capacity may, at your request, be kept on the manager's waiting list in case some children drop out for vacations or are "no shows".

School isn't over yet, all the centers are cheering their kids through the first battery of LEAP testing, while continuing to help them with homework in the After-School Program. Remember, enrollment in SPAR's After-School program is a gateway to more benefits than just homework help. Field trips, athletics, parties, art, life-skills, dance, aerobics, gardening, and priority for SPAR camps are all part of the package. So if you have not already done so, sign your kids up the SPAR's After-School Program.

### Upcoming Events

April 4 • **Easter**

April 9 • **Movies & Moonbeams**  
Cloudy Chance of Meatballs  
Riverview Park 8pm

April 12 • **Free Haircuts**  
Sunset Acres 4 - 6pm

April 16 • **Movies & Moonbeams**  
Rookie of the Year  
Fairground Field 8:30pm

April 16- 25 • **Holiday In Dixie**  
Festival Plaza (Times Vary)

April 20 - 22 • **Children with Disabilities Spring Fling**  
Southern Hills 9:30am - 1pm



For all Shreveport/Bossier Events Visit:

[shreveportbossierfunguide.com](http://shreveportbossierfunguide.com)

### Photo Contest!



SPAR's "Take A Pic, & Win A Tee" photo contest winner is Ivory "Ike" Salome, whose photograph of Winnie Butler was taken at Airport Park's Senior Choir Celebration. Ike won a SPAR T-shirt. Enter your photograph today!

Email photograph to:  
[frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov](mailto:frederick.lewis@shreveportla.gov)

Include "Photo Contest" in subject along with relevant names, facility and event.



### Senior Happenings



Lois Adger and Clarence Johnson  
Nubian Queen & King 2010

During the month of March our Seniors kept busy and had fun making Easter Baskets from newspapers; pom-pom scarves with matching flip-flops and hats; house shoes for Mothers Day and Easter; Easter Decoration; beautiful "iron-on" bags, lap quilts for the Nursing Homes; large wall puzzles; and all kind of arts and craft items for competition in the Senior Olympics Event to be held in May.

The main event of the month was the first "Let's Make A Deal Show" at Valencia. The game host was Senior Coordinator Kelvin Murray. The contestants won many nice prizes, and some that were not so nice depending on which box they chose. Some even received "real money" prizes. The Seniors dressed in all types of weird attire to attract attention to get chosen as contestants. Gladys Joiner, from Hattie Perry Community Center, walked away with the grand prize, a huge "bird bath". It was really entertaining and fun event for the seniors.

The Annual Cinderella Ball will be held at A. B. Palmer on April 20, from 5:30 to 8:00p.m. Seventy-five (75) Seniors will graduate from the computer classes at Bilberry Park on April 6 at 11:30. SPAR Asst. Director Patrick Wesley will be the commencement speaker.